'THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) Yes, Sir. A view has been expressed regarding the likely increase in the number of addict if not steps were taken.

(b) A variety of measures are being taken by the Government to deal with the problem of drug abuse. This includes on the one hand stricter vigunace and enforcement of the Narcotic Drugs & Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and simuj^neously taking up awareness buildr ing programmes, "counselling aad guidance, de- addiction treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration of drug addtics into the society.. Voluntary organisations are being involved in providing services mea* tioned above and in creating awareness amongst various segments of society.

Requirements of PIG iron for foundry industry of West Bengal

**156.* SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI M. A. BABY.

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foundry industry of West Bengal had recently appealed to the Iron and Steel Controller to allow tHem to obtain their required pig iron from any source.

(b) if *so,* whether they have been granted necessary permits in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are tie reigns therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) ' Yes, Sir.

(b) The members of the Iadia. Foundry Association, Calcutta; have been permitted to draw their requirements through the Association in case of direct dispatches.

(c) Does not arise.

Coloured stainless steel

*157. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of STEEL' AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the. Salems Stesl Plant had recently developed coloured stajnless steel and nave carried out the preliminary tests at the Durgapur, Steel Plant;

(b) if so, what are the. details' in this regard;

'(c) what are its likely effects on the health of the users;.

(d) whether it would be cheaper ' or costlier than the traditional stainless steel; and

(e) by when it is likely to be marketed?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND, THE MINISTER OF STEEL ANDMINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and
(b) The process for colouring stainless steel «on laboratory scale has been deve-′ loped by Alloy Steel Plant, Durgapar and not Salem. No tests were conducted at Durgapur Steel Plant.

. (c) It is not, expected to have any adverse effect on the health of the people using it.

(d) Th© cost of coloured stainless steel would be higher than that of traditional stainless steel as additional cost would be incurred for colouring the surface of stainless steel material.

(e) Coloured stainless steel in certain forms, and shapes is being marketed in a very limijed way.

Strike by workmen of C. E. W. D. and P. W. D. Delhi Administration

*158. SHRI CHATORANAN MISHRA:
SHRP N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Miinistef of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more tkan 50, 000 wo/kmen of Central Public Works